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SecNav looks to past, future

Editor's Note: The following is a letter from the Secretary of the Navy to all Sailors and Marines.

A new year, and the beginning of a new session of Congress here in Washington present a natural point for looking back and looking forward: what have we accomplished and what are our most important challenges? For me, this is a particularly compelling moment for addressing these questions because I came to office with only a little over two years remaining in this presidential term and now half that time has been expended. In a very personal sense, therefore, I owe you some accounting of what we've done with that time and what I hope to do in the remaining year.

We have a lot to feel good about in 1999. Your Chief of Naval Operations and Commandant of the Marine Corps were among the first to press for a big pay raise and the roll-back of Redux. We achieved these goals and, with terrific support from Congress, The 4.8 percent pay raise (the largest in a generation) was accompanied by improvements in BAH and a bonus package most especially valuable to the Navy and Marine Corps.

Getting our own house in order, we reversed 1998's Navy recruiting and end-strength shortfalls — making the Navy and Marine Corps the only services to reach their recruiting goals in 1999 and come in above end-strength. We made it a high priority to reduce our gapped billets at sea — and they came down from 18,000 Sailors in November of 1998 to 10,600 today. That translated into increased fill rates for our deploying battle groups and amphibious ready groups: they rose from around 88 percent to 93 percent.

At the same time, the CNO and I have combined his initiative to reduce demands during the inter-deployment training cycle and my efforts to introduce more labor-saving tools and civilian help to free up Sailors and Marines who are working too hard. These efforts are bearing fruit. Further, on taking office I immediately

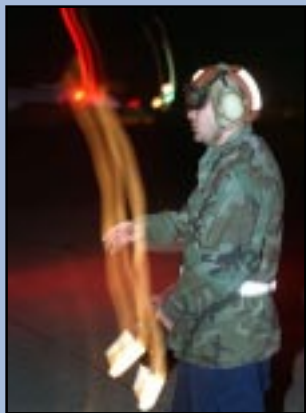
directed selection boards to reject any zero defect philosophy and to promote the best people, not the most immaculate records. At the same time, we greatly improved management of the officer promotion system so that periods of 150 days in reviewing and announcing board results were cut by more than a third.

During 1999, we were able to significantly increase operations funding for aviation spare parts by approximately \$100 million per year across the future years defense program. This is in addition to the increase of \$150 million in 1998. While this is slow in having its impact, (often manufacturers have to retool) I expect it to reduce time wasted on cannibalization, increase our availability of aircraft for training, and improve our fighting capability.

In 1999, we brought the F-18E/F to a point of wide acceptance — indeed we secured legislative authorization for a money-saving multi-year contract. The V-22 will complete operational evaluation this year and procurement will increase to full rate production. Overall we've allocated more funds in this direction so that through the next several years, starting in fiscal year 2000, we are buying an average of over 150 aircraft a year. Equally significant, we brought shipbuilding to about 8 per year through the FYDP, a good start that takes us close, though not yet to, the 8 2-3 ships per year we need to sustain a healthy force of more than 300 warships. The challenges for the year ahead are of two kinds. First, we need to sustain and build upon these improvements. You need not just one year's good pay raise, but a steady series of them above inflation.

We need not just one year's successful Navy recruiting but, like the Marine Corps, a string of strong years. We need to meet end strength year after year. We need not just to congratulate ourselves on getting gapped billets at sea down to about 10,000; but to recognize that 10,000 is still 10,000 too many and to strive to reduce that

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Our Cover

Corporal Alvaro Enriquez, VMFA-232 plane captain, gives signals to an F/A-18C Hornet pilot during preflight checks Tuesday. Ground crews pull late night duty as pilots do required night-vision training. (photo by LCpl Kurt Fredrickson)

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News Briefs

Receipt turn-in

Service members and government service employees who reside off base are reminded that utility receipts dated April 1999 to present can still be turned in to the Station Comptroller Office.

The Comptroller Office can assist anyone who has lost their receipt by calling the utility company. Residents needing assistance can call SSgt. Don Michne or Eiko Hori at 253-5671.

Base Guests

Residents are reminded that should they sponsor a guest aboard the air station, that they are responsible for that person's conduct at all times. Additionally the guest must be in the sponsor's presence at all times.

Pet Rules

Pets must be registered with the U.S. Army Veterinary Service and must be kept on a leash, rope or chain while outdoors. A collar or harness with a rabies tag issued by the U.S. Army Veterinary Service is mandatory. Stray animals will be captured and placed in the PMO dog pound and the animal control warden will attempt to locate and notify the owners. Allowances will be made for owners found to be on leave or on temporary additional duty. For more information call Family Housing at 253-5541.

Recycled Cardboard

The Recycling Center accepts cardboard from station residents. Cardboard may be dropped off at Bldg. 1322 on the Northside from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. or in the metal bin located outside Bldg. 1322 after hours. Cardboard boxes should be flattened. For more information call 253-3039.

More food at Southside Messhall

by **LCpl. Richard Barker**
Torii Teller Staff

The snack line at the Southside Messhall changed its hours of operation Feb. 14.

Messhall patrons can get a bite to eat at the snack line anytime between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. during the week, however the snack line is closed on the weekends.

In addition to the extended hours, the snack line also has a new sandwich bar.

"The idea of a sandwich bar came up when he was asking Marines for suggestions," said GySgt. Kenneth Barnes, H&HS, Southside Messhall manager.

The sandwich bar offers patrons the opportunity to customize their sandwiches by choosing from five breads, seven meats, three cheeses and several condiments.

A messhall patron is allowed two sandwiches with up to three different meats on each one. If a patron gets something from the snack line they can still get a sandwich.

"You don't get the same thing everyday and you get to make what you want," said LCpl. Mark Tames, H&HS travel clerk.

Barnes said, "Basically we are serving the same thing these Marines can get out at Subway or over at the Food Court and it's a lot cheaper too."

Not only is it cheaper, the food offers a healthy alternative.

"I can finally eat healthy food at a fast food line," said Tames.

"I'm really excited about our changes at the snack line," said LCpl. Alynthia Christmas, H&HS food service specialist. "The deli bar gives our patrons the opportunity to eat restaurant style food in a Marine Corps Messhall."

"I'm glad their doing something better... it gives the Messhall a twist of a different flavor," Tames said.

"The Marines and Sailors no longer have to worry about that two hour or one and a half hour time period where they can come to chow. Now they can come in any time," said Barnes.

Station Postal delivers

Newly installed parcel boxes ensure customers receive parcels 24 hours-a-day

by **LCpl. Richard Barker**
Torii Teller Staff

The Station Post Office started using parcel boxes Feb. 11 to allow the delivery of parcels after service hours.

A patron who has a parcel in a parcel box after service hours will find the key to the box in their mailbox. When the parcel key is inserted into the parcel box it locks in preventing anyone from taking it.

"The parcel boxes are a brand new concept in the Marine Corps," said postal officer Chief Warrant Officer-2 Mark Waverek.

The parcel boxes are more efficient for both the patrons and the post office employee.

"Delivering the parcels to the window takes manpower," said Waverek. "The parcel boxes reduce the amount of labor hours and adds 24 hour convenience for patrons."

"I don't have to worry about going to the post office during my work day because if I have a package I can get it at any time," said Vicky Wisnom, Red Cross station manager.

"We think it's a great idea. Shift workers who can't make it to the post office by 5 p.m. can still get their parcels," said Waverek. "Each night we close we probably have 20 to 30 parcels that haven't been delivered. Now we have 42 parcel boxes and almost everyone can get their parcels quickly and promptly."

Commissary renovations enter next phase in March

by LCpl. Kurt Fredrickson
Torii Teller Staff

Patrons of the Station Commissary will begin to see more improvements being made to the shopping area when renovations currently underway enter phase five in March.

The \$2.4 million renovation is funded by the Defense Commissary Agency, from the surcharge levied from commissary patrons.

Some phase four changes will not be obvious to shoppers, while changes during phase five will be more visible. The six-phase renovation project is scheduled for completion in July or August.

"The renovations for the sales floor entails a new floor, lighting system and complete change out of all refrigeration units," said Grace McCann, commissary store director. "That also includes changing the heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems, ceiling ducts and lighting."

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Grace McCann

During phase five shoppers can also expect to see more renovations in the higher traffic areas of the store.

"Phase five will include replacing frozen and chill refrigerator cases in the store," said McCann.

The new refrigerator cases will be more energy efficient and have doors instead of the open case currently in use.

It will be the longest phase, according to McCann, because all existing refrigeration units must be removed and replaced with new units.

"The contractor is going to provide temporary stand alone display cases that will be placed in the middle of the store," said McCann.

Because there will be fewer cases and space restraints shoppers will

see a slight decrease in multiple brands of each product, according to McCann. All dry goods will not be affected and will be stocked as usual.

Floor tile replacement in the front of the store will temporarily eliminate three registers and limit all incoming and outgoing traffic to one door, said McCann.

Because the commissary is open six days-a-week, phase four and five construction must be done during working hours when shoppers use the store.

Phase planning was designed to provide maximum shopping opportunities — in short it was developed to keep the commissary open as much as possible.



photo by LCpl. Kurt Fredrickson

Contributions Awarded

Lance Cpl. Josh Rothhammer, H&HS network technician, receives a plaque on behalf of the Communication-Electronics Information Systems Division presented by Col. Richard Dunn, air station commanding officer.

Air station units were recognized for their contributions to the 1999 Combined Federal Campaign with plaques during an award ceremony Feb. 16 at Club Iwakuni.

This year's Team Iwakuni goal of \$125,000, an increase of two percent from last year's total donations, was surpassed with a total \$128,198.64.

Units bringing in a significant amount of donations were awarded at the gold, silver or bronze level. Of the 12 plaques awarded, two were gold awards, two were silver awards and eight were bronze awards.

Suicide can be prevented says leaders of Navy, Marine Corps

**by Chief of Naval Operations, CMC
Washington, D.C.**

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Chief of Naval Operations in a memo to the fleet said suicide was the second leading cause of death in the Navy in 1998. The Commandant of the Marine Corps, who said that Marines also experienced suicide as the second leading cause of death for that period, echoed that statistic.

A proactive commitment to suicide prevention among shipmates and fellow Marines is fundamental to the Navy's core values and duty to "take care of our own."

Intervening early helps. Serious personal problems left unattended can spiral out of control and lead to reckless behavior or suicide.

Know your shipmates and fellow Marines. Earliest signs of trouble most often occur away from work in barracks and berthing areas, at home and on liberty.

Shipmates are shipmates 24 hours-a-day. We are in the best position to recognize another shipmate's despair and desperation.

The 1998 DoD survey of health related behaviors among military personnel indicated that among personnel in need of further evaluation for depression, there was a disturbingly high rate of 18 percent who considered self-injury or suicide as a coping mechanism for dealing with their depression.

Suicides occur most often when a member is on leave, liberty, or unauthorized absence. Risk increases during times of personal crisis, adverse administrative or legal action and abusive alcohol use. Alcohol or other substance abuse usually precedes suicide within 12 hours of the incident and is often accomplished with a personally owned weapon.

Approximately 80 percent of all suicide victims give some advance warning of the suicide. In addition to the devastating effects on the family, a suicide can adversely affect the entire military command, leading to morale problems, decreased operational capability, grief over the loss of a friend, and possibly copycat suicides. Critical incident-stress-debriefing teams serve as a resource for helping personnel cope in the aftermath of a suicide.

Some of the warning signs for suicide include:

- Talking about suicide
- Prior suicide attempts
- Putting affairs in order such as giving away favorite possessions
- Depression and hopelessness
- Increased angry aggressive or impulsive behaviors such as "acting out"
- Facing legal and financial problems
- Relationship problems/loss (breakup, separation, divorce)
- Decline in job performance and/or appearance

- Social isolation and withdrawal
- Drug or alcohol abuse

It is important to remember that suicide is not a normal response to problems or stress. It is imperative that action be taken if someone expresses suicidal warning signs. Sailors and Marines at all levels should take all threats seriously. If you believe someone is at risk, don't be afraid to ask the person if he or she is thinking about suicide. If the person says "yes", then be ready to intervene immediately by locating help in the form of a watch or duty officer, doctor, nurse, corpsman, chaplain, etc. The key is to take action immediately. Inform the chain of command, and then find someone to stay with the person until help arrives.

Never leave the individual alone. Navy medical treatment facilities can offer help. Navy and Marine Corps suicide prevention programs have adopted Army's seven-step guideline, "AID LIFE." This acronym provides practical responses to one or more of the above signs:

A - Ask the person if they're thinking about suicide

I - Intervene immediately

D - Don't keep it a secret

L - Locate help

I - Inform your chain of command

F - Find someone, don't leave the person alone.

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DoD clarifies exemptions to anthrax vaccination program

by Staff Sgt. Kathleen T. Rhem
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, D.C. — DoD officials are in the process of approving a policy that standardizes exemptions to the anthrax vaccination program. But, they said, they provided exemptions because it's "good medicine," not because of any concerns about the vaccine's safety or efficacy.

The new exemptions fall into two categories, administrative and medical, said Marine Maj. Gen. Randy L. West, special adviser to the secretary of defense for anthrax and bio- defense affairs.

The administrative exemption refers mainly to service members who are within 180 days of separation and are not likely to be deployed to one of the key anthrax-threat areas — Korea and Southwest Asia. The six-shot anthrax vaccination series takes 18 months to complete.

"If a person is within 180 days of discharge and not likely to be deployed to a high-threat area, it doesn't make sense to start a program that takes 18 months to complete," West said. "We wouldn't be able to complete the series while the person was on active duty."

"However," he continued, "if a person is within 180 days of separation and is in a hostile area or is unexpectedly deployed to a hostile area, we will vaccinate them and give them as much protection as we can under the approved FDA protocol."

The general said the services were looking at the issue of exemptions for separating personnel differently, with recommendations ranging from 90 to 180 days. DoD officials decided to set one standard.

Medically speaking, certain individuals shouldn't receive any immunizations, including anthrax. "Anthrax is a mandatory vaccination, but we want it to be given just like every other vaccine," West said.

"If a person has a medical reason not to take the vaccine or to be temporarily exempt from taking it, we

want that to happen."

Medical exemptions fall into several categories.

❑ Adverse reaction to a previous anthrax immunization. West said a person who has a suspected severe reaction after a shot would be temporarily exempt until the cause can be definitely determined. If the vaccine is the cause, the individual would be exempt from further doses.

❑ Pregnancy. "There's no history that would cause us to believe the anthrax vaccine would be harmful. However, there haven't been any tests done to prove that," West said. "Since we know that a woman's body goes through a lot of changes and a lot of challenges during pregnancy, we would just like to avoid adding to those challenges by requiring her to take the anthrax vaccine."

❑ Currently taking corticosteroids or other immunosuppressant drugs. Vaccinations are commonly deferred for individuals taking drugs that suppress the immune system because the drugs reduce the effectiveness of the vaccine, not because there would be an adverse reaction to the combination.

"The purpose of vaccines is to build antibodies in your body," said Army Lt. Col. Gaston M. Randolph Jr., director of the Anthrax Vaccine Immunization Program.

"When you're taking immunosuppressant drugs, your body doesn't build antibodies. It's sort of a waste to take the vaccine."

❑ Recent illness or surgery. "If individuals had recently been ill or had recently had surgery we wouldn't want them to take a shot until they were fully recovered," West said.

West said these measures address "common-sense medical situations," but said he felt the exemptions provide clarification because of the public controversy surrounding the vaccine.

Randolph explained that medical exemptions have always been covered in the healthcare providers' briefing, but until now have not been spelled out in a single clear, concise guideline to service members.



photo by LCpl. Kurt Fredrickson

Bishop Visit

The Bishop of the United Methodist Church Robert Fannin (left) and Chaplain Endorsing Agent Theodore Hepner, meet with Col. James Flock, MAG-12 commanding officer, during their visit here Feb. 10-12.

Once a year they travel worldwide to visit with chaplains to find out what they are doing and provide support for their ministries.

School academic testing scheduled

by SSgt. Michelle Smith
Press Chief

As part of an ongoing effort to measure school-aged children's academic progress, the TerraNova Multiple Assessments Test is scheduled for March 6-10 for students in grades 3 to 6 and from March 7-9 for grades 7 to 11. The system-wide test includes testing for reading, mathematics, social studies and science.

"Testing begins promptly at 8 a.m. and parents are asked to ensure

that their children arrive to school on time and are well rested and motivated to do his or her best," said C.J. O'Hanrahan, elementary school counselor.

Additionally, because of the significance of the test, parents are asked to not schedule medical or dental appointments during this time. Testing will be completed by 10 a.m. on test dates for elementary school students and by 11 a.m. for high school students, she said.

"These tests are important because they help us measure

individual student's achievement as well as our system's progress towards the goals of the DoDEA Community Strategic Plan, she said.

Statewide test scores, when used with results of other types of tests, help create a more complete picture of students and system-wide performance levels.

The multiple assessment test challenges students to explain how they found answers to some items, and test results provide important information to your child's teacher about his current achievement levels. Summary test results provides valuable information to the school, O'Hanrahan said.

For more information on the TerraNova Multiple Assessment Test call the elementary school at 253-4119 or the high school at 253-5448.

Feature

Library automation eases customer's search

by LCpl. Richard Barker
Torii Teller Staff

The Station Library switched over to a new computer system Feb. 10 which replaces most of its manual operations.

The new WorkFlows Wizards software was installed in the Station Library by Progressive Technologies Federal System, who was contracted by the Marine Corps out of Washington, D.C. Eight computers, a file server and four barcode readers were also installed by PTFS in the four days they were here.

"We're walking into the 21st century with this library," said Kathleen O'Connor, library supervisor, describing the library's new integrated automation system. "We're really excited."

The automation system allows library technicians to scan books and check them out to a patron using the patron's social security number.

"The installation team comes to set up all the computers. They install the software and they make sure everything is working," said Jeff Hall, library systems analyst.

"Once they (installation team) leave, I come in and do the training so the staff knows how to work the system," Hall said.

The new system is much more efficient than the old DOS-based system said Pete Horn, library technician.

"Before we used cards and stamps. Now we use

barcodes and patrons don't have to write anything down," said Horn. "The Wizards' software is much more efficient for library inventory".

Library staff can now easily check new books purchased into the system.

The new system also connects the Station Library with 17 other Marine Corps libraries, except for one library in Okinawa. All of the library's books are on a database and can be searched at the library or found on the web at mwr.ils.usmc-mccs.org.

"You can search the Iwakuni Database or you can search all Marine library databases," said O'Connor. "Residents can request

a book that they want from another library through the Station Library and it will be here in about 6 weeks."

Library books can be searched in many categories including author, title, subject and genre. The search results display basic information such as title and author. More detailed information includes the location of the book and a small biography.

"I am very happy with the way the software operates," said Horn. "It's about time they have integrated something like this into library systems."

The library is open from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Fridays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays and noon to 8 p.m. on Sundays and holidays.

If you don't make it to the library on time to find if the book you need is there, you can still check the web address to see what books are available.

"... we're walking into the 21st century with this library."

Kathleen O'Connor



Blues, important ancestor of rock

by LCpl. Kurt Fredrickson
Torii Teller Staff

Editors Note: Information for this article was obtained from books about music history and development, and the African influence on music in America.

Tossing in the high seas of the Atlantic, a ship carrying slaves from Africa made its way to the "New World". The Dutch could not have known that among the slaves and rats on board their ship, they also carried an ember that started the audible inferno that blazes as today's American music. Their actions in 1619 made possible the birth of rock'n' roll, along with many other forms of today's popular music.

Music has been an outlet for mankind during times of hardship throughout history. A breeding ground for hard times, the Southern tobacco fields nurtured the rhythmic songs, chants, percussion and dances of the slaves.

Through time the traits of African music met the hymn tunes, folk songs, instruments and harmonies of European immigrants from the Appalachian region. The resulting affect was a vocal folk style accented by the use of instruments, which many former slaves learned to play after the Civil War.

In the 1880s melody, rhythm and harmony were combined to convey individual expression of feeling rather than that of the group, creating what is known today as the blues.

The blues style was the most important influence on the jazz of the early 1900s. Jazz expanded into many different styles. In 1900, ragtime and Dixieland came into the scene creating even more diverse styles. These styles were unique to the regions in which they developed

such as New Orleans and Chicago.

With folk, blues and jazz flourishing, the next change would burst into the music scene on the idea that good jazz should "swing."

The essence of swing was exemplified by the big band, which flourished until the advent of World War II. The small combo that played a new modern jazz replaced the big band. Small bands and individuals created a rhythmic style called bop and by the 1950s upbeat rhythm and basic blues structure combined to become what we call R&B.

In the south, country music was a separate phenomenon that branched off leaning more toward the European ballad and folk style. Country music's roots go back to traditional folk music that is an indispensable part of the next leap in musical style.

A new term arose when a faster more rhythmic beat was added to R&B. The new sound influenced by R&B, revival singing and country ballads was crowned with the term rock'n'roll. Rock branched off into many styles through the '50s and '60s with influence on socio-political events of the time. Seventies' rock depended largely on amplification, electronic distortion and once again focusing on rebellion of the new generation.

The '80s and '90s saw new expression through rap, punk and alternative rock, which still have their roots in early rock styles. The new generation expresses unhappiness, rebellious spirit and discontent, like earlier generations, through an electric and amplified use of music styles that rely on quick chord changes.

Although the connection between punk and blues of the 1880s is vague, their relationship is unbreakable. Today's music is used to describe emotion, hardship, joy and hope as it was by the slaves brought to Virginia by the Dutch. Generations of Americans have spoken through their music and without African influence, the voice of America would be sung to a very different tune.

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E - Expedite, get help right away
Supervisors and managers can play a key role in suicide prevention also. The leaders need to:

- Know their Sailors and Marines and be aware in changes in attitudes, behavior, or performance.

- Identify "at risk" Sailors and Marines and get help.

- Be leaders who are actively concerned about the welfare of their Sailors and Marines and their families.

- Be aware of resources that are available to help.

- Be an active listener who is non-judgmental and supportive.

- Know the suicide warning signs and risk factors.

- Ultimately, take threats seriously and follow emergency procedures if someone is identified as suicidal or seems suicidal.

All hands are responsible for knowing how to get help locally. The chain of command is the strongest link in a well-established network available to lend a hand. Emergency

care centers, mental health clinics, family service centers, chaplains, and substance abuse rehabilitation programs offer a variety of services. Getting help as early as possible and notifying your chain of command are the best possible defenses against suicide.

Also available at some commands are special psychiatric rapid intervention teams or SPRINT. If you are unable to locate one of these facilities, check with your medical treatment facility, clinic, or MCCS Semper Fit Center.



photo by Maj. Tim Keefe

First Lt. Will Sieve, a U.S. Marine Corps pilot with Marine Light Attack Squadron 369, talks with Asian Aerospace visitors about his AH-1W Super Cobra. Ten different U.S. military aircraft are on display in Singapore, demonstrating the U.S. commitment to the Asia-Pacific region.

Service members participate in Asian aviation trade show

by AA 2000 Joint Information Center Staff

Asian Aerospace 2000, the third largest aviation trades show in the world, kicked off with a media conference today in Singapore.

Thirteenth Air Force commander Maj. Gen. Dan Dick, ranking Department of Defense representative at the conference, stressed the U.S. military presence at Asian Aerospace 2000, scheduled Feb. 22-27.

"This event demonstrates the U.S. commitment to a secure, stable and prosperous Asian-Pacific Region," said Dick.

Asian Aerospace 2000 is the premier aerospace and defense technology exhibition and air show in Southeast Asia. This 10th biennial exhibition is organized by Asian Aerospace Pte. Ltd., a joint venture

company between Reed Exhibition Companies and Singapore Technologies Aerospace.

Aviation Industry Association experts said 40 percent of the aircraft/avionics manufactured in the United States today are for export, with a significant portion of those products purchased by Asia. In addition, 1,200 American companies are located in Singapore, with the greatest share in the aviation industry. Singapore is also the 10th largest trading partner with the United States.

Dick said the event also enhances military-to-military contacts with the Republic of Singapore and others in the region, and showcases U.S. aircraft and equipment.

"This event gives my superior, General Gamble – the Commander of U.S. Pacific Air Forces – and I a

chance to renew friendships with our many counterparts in Singapore" Dick said.

Nearly 200 military personnel and equipment from the U.S. Army, Navy, Marines and Air Force are participating. At the show are the F-16C Fighting Falcon, F-15C Eagle, B-52 Stratofortress, B-1B Lancer, KC-135 Stratotanker, C-17 Globemaster III, AH-1W Cobra, P-3C Orion, E-2C Hawkeye, AH-64D Apache Longbow and F/A-18D Hornets from VMFA-332 who is currently deployed at MCAS Iwakuni Japan.

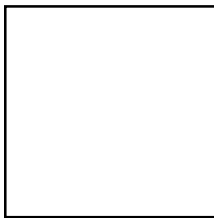
An F-16 is performing a daily aerial capabilities demonstration. Precision demonstration teams from France, Australia and Singapore will also participate.

Also during Asian Aerospace 2000, a U.S. Navy ship will be in port at the Sembawang pier in Singapore.

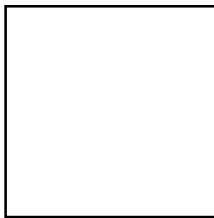
Pacific Trends, part of the U.S. Air Force Band of the Pacific-Asia, based at Yokota Air Base, Japan, will also perform during the public days of the air show.

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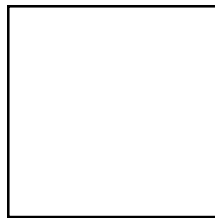
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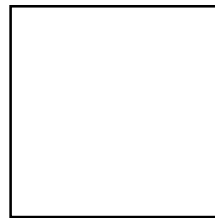
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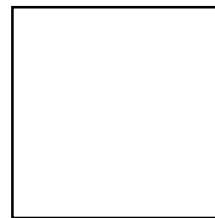
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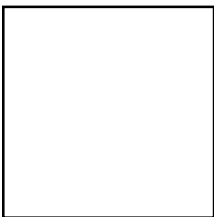


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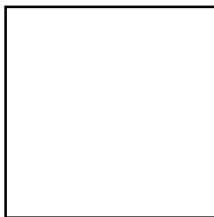


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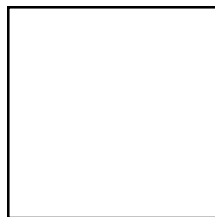
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number towards zero.

We need not just to deploy battle groups and Amphibious Ready Groups that are fully manned, but also to raise and stabilize the manning in training well before deployment. We need to assure that spare parts are not simply ordered, but are available in the field and fleet. We need to assure that inter-deployment training cycle reductions, fleet assistance program reductions and smart work initiatives actually result in more time for Sailors and Marines to develop their professional skills, mentor and care for one another, and spend more days and nights with their families.

These are the most obvious challenges of 2000, and the Commandant, CNO, and I are committed to meeting them. Beyond that, there is a second set of challenges, somewhat less evident but, if anything, more significant to our well being.

In recent years, but most especially in 1999, we have sown the seeds of a transformation in the Navy and Marine Corps: we have laid the basis for these truly to be better organizations in which to fight, work and live. Not different in our values, our camaraderie, our honor, or our traditions; but dramatically better in

our ability to secure the well being of the nation and to care for each other and our families.

The challenge of the year 2000 is to recognize and nourish — indeed fight for — these transformational changes, so that we deliver a Marine Corps and Navy that are truly 21st century institutions.

What does that mean in practical terms? I start with ships — because they are the predominant platforms from which Sailors and Marines live, work and fight. We are now building and will shortly begin delivering our new and vastly more capable amphibious transport docks (12 of which will do the work that previously took 41 amphibious ships), a new amphibious assault ship, Virginia class submarines, and ADCXs (greatly improving fleet resupply capabilities). Beyond this, we can, must, and will revolutionize our surface strike platforms. Land Attack Destroyer and aircraft carriers are our path breakers. In past years, our research and development investments for better ships were lower than they should have been, especially when compared with other platforms. While we are investing some \$13 billion department of the Navy's money in the development of the joint strike fighter, our carrier research and development budget

has averaged \$5 million per year.

We've raised that to \$1.5 billion for CVNX over these next five years. Our research and development budget for all other surface combatants was similarly low. We are now investing over \$4 billion in R&D for DD-21, much of it adaptable to the broader Navy (including submarines).

If we follow-through on this effort, the effects will be revolutionary. Over the next decade, we will change the propulsion system of our combatants by moving to electric drive (doing away with the maintenance and vulnerability of reduction gears, enormously increasing electrical availability for warfighting, greatly facilitating damage control, and reducing engineering manning levels); we will multiply fleet communications and connectivity; we will decrease the amount of work that must be done at sea, and thereby improve sea-shore rotation and reduce the number of souls at risk when we enter combat; and we will improve living conditions on ships in the decades ahead to the point that we should begin providing enlisted Sailors with shared staterooms.

As we work on these longer-term goals, we are right now further

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changing the nature of warfighting and sustainment by moving to integrated information systems with Information Technology for 21st Century and a revolutionary Navy-Marine Corps Intranet whose procurement we have just initiated.

Our strike and other weaponry are dramatically expanding and will do so further as we introduce the tactical Tomahawk, improved gun systems and area and theater missile defense. Operationally, our doctrine commands, warfighting and research laboratories, and battle experiments are widening the aperture of our thinking with concepts like ship to objective maneuver (without relying on an intervening shore build up), network warfare, organic anti-mine warfare, and unmanned aerial vehicles as sensors.

We are beginning to grasp equally revolutionary possibilities with respect to personnel. I have argued throughout the year gone by that, in too many respects, we remain infected by the psychology of conscription. As we improve the quality of professional life for Sailors and Marines, we must also eradicate any tendencies to view our manpower as low-cost labor (the mode of thought when we had an almost unlimited number of young men and women driven to us by the prospect of conscription). Rather, we must invest in you as valuable (and costly) professionals who we need to support, develop and retain. That logic has led us to smart work. This includes the use of civilians wherever possible. For example, 12 ships have been repainted by civilians instead of Sailors - (my favorite remark of 1999 was that of the bosun mate who, watching these teams at work, said he felt like he'd died and gone to heaven.) We plan to expand this effort. By the end of FY00 the number of civilian repainted ships and submarines will grow to 35. Smart work also includes providing good tools instead of just making do with less - (my favorite question of 1999 was that of the commanding officer who asked: why do we give our Sailors less for cleaning a ship than is typically available to clean a house?) It also includes automating to save labor. We now have plans to refit all our cruisers and a majority of our destroyers to accomplish this.

The same logic has led us to improvements in training, especially pilot training, and to the Navy College Program. The college program, initiated this year, provides every boot camp graduate with a transcript showing his or her

credits from Navy training.

Many first term Sailors will earn enough credits to take them half-way to an associate's degree in an area related to their Navy training during their first enlistment.

Lifelines also reflects this approach. This on-line system (also introduced in 1999) provides on-line information and interactive opportunities for Navy and Marine Corps families as well as service members. From anywhere in the world, at any time, you can now access information (www.lifelines4qol.org) about an array of professional and quality of life services.

What this adds up to is a better Navy and Marine Corps. A Navy and Marine Corps in which our hard work bears very meaningful and lasting results; a Navy-Marine Corps team that operates seamlessly together, communicating on an integrated network under a unified vision for the conduct of combat; a fleet armed and equipped with 21st century technologies, tools, and equipment to both maintain the force and fight decisively in any mission of war; and above all a team of carefully recruited Sailors, Marines, and civilians who are consistently regarded as highly valued professionals whom we diligently develop and retain.

In short, your Commandant, CNO, and I are trying not only to lead and manage a Department of the Navy that is the largest, most widespread and the most important employer in the world, but also to create a Navy and Marine Corps that is at one and the same time the most relevant and dominant 21st century fighting force in the world. These are obviously challenging goals, but ones we should set for ourselves and achieve.

I like what we did last year. We can accomplish more in the year ahead.

/s/ Richard Danzig



photo by Senior Chief Petty Officer Terry Cosgrove

The Honorable Byron R. White (left), associate justice United States Supreme Court, administers the oath of office to Richard J. Danzig (right) as the 71st Secretary of the Navy, while his wife Andrea Danzig holds the bible during a ceremony at the Pentagon Nov. 16, 1998.

Far East Tournament 2000 brings students to Iwakuni

**by LCpl. Kurt Fredrickson
Torii Teller Staff**

High school students from five areas around the Pacific gathered in Iwakuni Feb. 19-27 to take part in the annual Far East Basketball and Cheerleading Competition.

More than 160 students from schools in Japan, Taiwan, Okinawa, Korea and Guam participated in the games which helped build building team spirit.

"It's the only chance these kids get to have a typical high school experience," said Sandra DiQuinzio, M.C. Perry High School principal. "I think it's really exciting for them."

Students had the opportunity to compete against one another and also to make new friends.

"It gives us a chance to see the games and the cheerleaders," said Drew Hollenback, M.C. Perry eighth grader.

The Far East Tournament is also a learning experience for players who are faced with new strategies and tactics from other teams.

"You learn a lot more about teamwork here than you do at other tournaments," said John Swanson,

an Osan American High School junior. "It's a fun experience to play different teams in the Pacific."

On the sidelines supporting the players are cheerleading squads from each school. Six individual award winners will be selected for most spirited, best jumper, best voice, best dancer, best gymnastics and most confident. Up to three girls may be nominated for each category by cheerleading coaches.

Each school participating will receive a trophy and first, second and third place trophies will also be awarded to the winners during the awards presentation.

Teams said they liked Iwakuni and the opportunities that are here for them, according to DiQuinzio.

"The people who put this together did a good job making the players feel good," said Swanson.

This is the sixth consecutive year Iwakuni has hosted the Far East Tournament, which has been in existence for more than 20 years.

"Next year I'll be looking forward to coming back," said Swanson.

The competition is open to all schools with a student body less than 300, said DiQuinzio.

Dance teachers wanted

**by Bunny Clark
Health Promotions program
assistant**

Are you a qualified instructor of ballet, ballroom, tap, salsa, or any other type of dance?

Marine Corps Community Services, Semper Fit wants to know the variety of dance instructors we have aboard the air station

In our efforts to support the physical conditioning demands of the community, and offer additional classes, we need to know who the talented instructors are,

and their specialty.

Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni is rich in resident experts, both civilian and military, and we hope to tap into this resource of endless possibilities.

Dance Instructors' responses should include name of instructor, type of dance and bio of qualifications.

If you've got the moves, submit your responses to Bunny Clark, in the MCCS Health Promotions, Semper Fit office located in the Main Gymnasium. Do not delay, share your talents and submit today!

Sports Briefs

Swim Meet

United States military and JMSDF swimmers are invited to participate in individual and team events March 24. Team rosters are due March 10. For details call 253-5520.

Spring Racquetball

Players will meet March 14, 10 a.m. in the Main Gym's snack bar. The tournament will begin March 18 and is open to air station employees and their family members 16 and older.

Youth Baseball

Registration will open at the Youth Center weekdays, March 6-17, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. for youth baseball players age 5-14. For details call 253-5729.

Water Safety Course

Aquatics will hold a Water Safety Instructor Certification Course weekdays, March 6-17, 6-10 p.m. at the indoor pool. There is a fee. For more information call 253-5520.

Hula for Children

Hula lessons for children ages 5-12 will be offered in the Main Gym's aerobics room Saturdays, 10-11 a.m. beginning March 4. For more information call 253-2076.

Over 30 Basketball

The Over 30 Basketball season will begin March 6. Coaches will meet Tuesday, 10 a.m. in the Main Gym's snack bar. Call 253-5777 for more information.

Nutrition and Fitness

The MCCS Fitness will offer Nutrition and Fitness for a Lifetime, a two-session course, March 11 and 18, 10-11:30 a.m. There is a fee. Call 253-5051 for details.

Friday

9:00 Sesame Street
10:00 Blues Clues
10:30 Kiana's Flex Appeal
11:00 Oprah Winfrey Show (TV-14)
12:00 NBC Nightly News
12:30 Wheel of Fortune (TV-G)
1:00 Port Charles (TV-14)
1:25 Guiding Light (TV-14)
2:00 General Hospital (TV-14)
3:05 Sylvester and Tweety Mysteries
3:30 Nightmare Ned
4:00 Sister, Sister
4:30 Sabrina, the Teenage Witch (TV-G)
5:00 Jeopardy! (TV-G)
5:30 Headline News
6:00 Pacific Report
6:33 CNN/SI
7:00 King of the Hill (TV-PG)
7:30 That '70s Show (TV-PG)
8:00 Star Trek: Deep Space Nine (TV-PG)
9:00 Law and Order (TV-14)
10:00 Pacific Report
10:35 Tonight Show w/Leno
11:35 Late Show w/Letterman

Saturday

0:35 ESPN News
1:05 Movies 'til Dawn
Shadow of Obsession (TV-PG)
2:45 Movies 'til Dawn
New York Stories (TV-PG)
5:00 Today Show
7:00 Barney and Friends
7:30 Arthur (TV-Y)
8:00 Brand Spanking New Doug
8:30 Disney's Recess (TV-Y)
9:00 Hey! Arnold (TV-Y)
9:30 Goosebumps (TV-Y7)
10:00 Nova
11:00 This Old House
11:30 California's Gold
12:00 NBC Nightly News
12:30 Navy/Marine Corps News
1:00 Sports (TD)
4:00 WWF Superstars (TV-14)
5:00 Entertainers
6:00 Headline News
6:30 ESPN News
7:00 Beverly Hills, 90210 (TV-14)
8:00 Melrose Place (TV-14)
9:00 20/20 Friday
10:00 Headline News
10:30 ESPN News
11:00 Saturday Night Live (TV-14)

Sunday

12:30 Motown Live (TV-G)
1:30 Soul Train
2:30 Storytellers (TV-PG)
4:00 Friday Night
4:30 Entertainers
5:00 Headline News
5:30 Hour of Power
6:00 Creflo Dollar
6:30 The Coral Ridge Hour
7:00 Millennium: End or Beginning?
7:30 Day of Discovery
8:00 Bananas in Pajamas

8:30 Wishbone
9:00 Wonderful World of Disney (TV-G)
11:00 Wild Things (TV-PG)
12:00 Headline News
12:30 Air Force TV News
1:00 NCAA Basketball (JEPFI)
Tennessee at Alabama (SEC)
3:00 NFL 2Night (ESPN2)
3:30 NFL 2Night (ESPN2)
4:00 Hercules: The Legendary Journeys (TV-PG)
5:00 Computer Chronicles
5:30 Wall Street Journal Report
6:00 Headline News
6:30 ESPN News
7:00 Kids Say/Darndest Things (TV-G)
7:30 Home Improvement (TV-PG)
8:00 Primetime Movie
Four Little Girls (TV-14)
10:00 Headline News
10:30 Pensacola: Wings of Gold (TV-PG)
11:30 Walker, Texas Ranger (TV-PG)

Monday

12:30 WWF Superstars (TV-14)
1:30 America's Black Forum
2:00 Air Force TV News
2:30 NBA (NBC) Bulls at Pistons
5:00 NBA (NBC) Spurs at Timberwolves
7:30 NBA (NBC) Rockets at Lakers
10:00 Jim Henson's Animal Show
10:30 Kiana's Flex Appeal
11:00 Oprah Winfrey Show (TV-14)
12:00 Headline News
12:30 Wheel of Fortune (TV-G)
1:00 Port Charles (TV-14)
1:25 Guiding Light (TV-14)
2:15 General Hospital (TV-14)
3:05 Disney's Pepper Ann
3:30 Bobby's World
4:00 In the Mix
4:30 Bonechillers
5:00 Jeopardy! (TV-G)
5:30 Headline News
6:00 Pacific Report
6:33 CNN/SI
7:00 60 Minutes
8:00 The Drew Carey Show (TV-PG)
8:30 Whose Line is it Anyway (TV-PG)
9:00 The Practice (TV-14)
10:00 Pacific Report
10:35 Tonight Show w/Leno
11:35 Late Show w/Letterman

Tuesday

0:35 ESPN News
1:05 Movies 'til Dawn
Doomsday Gun (TV-PG)
2:45 Movies 'til Dawn
Come September (TV-G)
5:00 Headline News
5:30 ESPN News
6:00 Today Show
8:00 Headline News
8:30 Showbiz Today
9:00 Sesame Street
10:00 Bear in the Big Blue House (TV-Y)
10:30 Co-Ed Training
11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show (TV-14)
12:00 NBC Nightly News

12:30 Wheel of Fortune (TV-G)
1:00 Port Charles (TV-14)
1:25 Guiding Light (TV-14)
2:15 General Hospital (TV-14)
3:05 Spiderman: Animated Series
3:30 Popular Mechanics for Kids
4:00 Nick News
4:30 Scholastic Sports America (TV-G)
5:00 Jeopardy! (TV-G)
5:30 Headline News
6:00 Pacific Report
6:33 CNN/SI
7:00 AFN Special, Kings on the Hill
7:30 Primetime Movie
Soul of the Game (TV-PG)
10:00 Pacific Report
10:35 Tonight Show w/Leno
11:35 Late Show w/Letterman

Wednesday

12:35 ESPN News
1:05 Movies 'til Dawn
Julia
3:20 Movie 'til Dawn
Amelia Earhart: The Final Flight (TV-PG)
5:00 Headline News
5:30 ESPN News
6:00 Today Show
8:00 Headline News
8:30 Showbiz Today
9:00 Sesame Street
10:00 Blues Clues
10:30 Bodyshaping
11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show
12:00 NBC Nightly News
12:30 Wheel of Fortune (TV-G)
1:00 Port Charles (TV-14)
1:25 Guiding Light (TV-14)
2:15 General Hospital (TV-14)
3:05 Taz-Mania
3:30 Darkwing Duck
4:00 Power Rangers in Space (TV-Y7)
4:30 City Guts (TV-Y7)
5:00 Jeopardy! (TV-G)
5:30 Headline News
6:00 Pacific Report
6:33 CNN/SI
7:00 Smart Guy (TV-PG)
7:30 Moesha (TV-PG)
8:00 Party of Five (TV-14)
9:00 Buffy the Vampire Slayer (TV-14)
10:00 Pacific Report
10:35 Tonight Show w/Leno
11:35 Late Show w/Letterman

Thursday

0:35 ESPN News
1:05 Movies 'til Dawn
Dragon: The Bruce Lee Story (TV-PG)
3:15 Movies 'til Dawn
Mad Max 2 The Road Warrior (TV-PG)
5:00 Headline News
5:30 ESPN News
6:00 Today Show
8:00 Headline News
8:30 Showbiz Today
9:00 Sesame Street

10:00 Bear in the Big Blue House (TV-Y)
10:30 Co-De training
11:00 Oprah Winfrey Show (TV-14)
12:00 NBC Nightly News
12:30 Wheel of Fortune (TV-G)
1:00 Port Charles (TV-14)
1:25 Guiding Light (TV-14)
2:15 General Hospital (TV-14)
3:05 Animaniacs
3:30 Batman (TV-Y7)
4:00 Pokemon (TV-Y)
4:30 Boy Meets World (TV-PG)
5:00 Jeopardy! (TV-G)
5:30 Headline News
6:00 Pacific Report
6:33 CNN/SI
7:00 Dharma and Greg (TV-14)
7:30 Two Guys, A Girl and A Pizza Place (TV-PG)
8:00 Just Shoot Me (TV-14)
8:35 Spin City (TV-PG)
9:00 ER (TV-14)
10:00 Pacific Report
10:35 Tonight Show w/Leno
11:35 Late Show w/Letterman

Friday

12:35 ESPN News
1:05 Movies 'til Dawn
Camelot (TV-PG)
4:10 Movies 'til Dawn
Ordinary Extraordinary
5:00 Headline News
5:30 ESPN News
6:00 Today Show
8:00 Headline News
8:30 Showbiz Today
9:00 Sesame Street
10:00 Blues Clues
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3:05 Sylvester and Tweety Mysteries
3:30 Angela Anaconda (TV-Y)
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Movies

Sakura Theater

Stuart Little (PG-13)

Rated PG-13 for brief language
Feb. 25, 7 p.m.; Feb. 27, 3 p.m.; Feb. 29, 7 p.m.

Based on the classic children's novel by E.B. White, this animated feature combines fine-action with state-of-the-art visual-effects technology to bring the lovable



rodent and his adopted human family to life. Geena Davis and Hugh Laurie co-star. Michael J. Fox, Jennifer Tilly and Bruno Kirby provide voices for the animated characters.

Anna and the King (PG-13)

Rated PG-13 for some intense violent sequences
Feb. 25, 10 p.m.; Feb. 27, 7 p.m.; March 1, 7 p.m.

Based on the diaries of Anna Leonowens, this film casts Jodie Foster as a British governess headed for

Thailand to care for the children of the country's king, played by Chow Yun-Fat. By the end of her stay, she's managed to touch the lives of both the children and their father.

Deuce Bigalow (R)

Rated R for sexual content, language and crude humor
Feb. 26, 10:30 p.m.; Feb. 28, 7 p.m.

Rob Schneider stars as Deuce Bigalow, a down-on-his-luck guy who cleans fish tanks for a living. While fish-sitting for a debonair, world-class male escort, he mistakenly answers the business phone and becomes "Deuce Bigalow: Male Gigolo."

URA Star Talent Show

Feb. 26, 7 p.m.

This schedule is submitted by the Sakura Theater and is subject to change. Any questions or comments can be directed to **MCCS** at 253-4003.

Iwakuni's Theaters

Kokusai:

Feb. 18 - March 10
"Anna and the King" - 10:30 a.m.,
1:05 p.m., 3:45 p.m., 6:30 p.m.,
(Sat. only) 9:10 p.m.

New Central: New Central I:

Feb. 25 - March 10
"007 World is not Enough" -
10:55 a.m., 1:20 p.m., 3:40 p.m.,
6:30 p.m., (Sat. only) 8:55 p.m.

New Central II:

Feb. 25 - March 4

No English Movie

New Central III:

Feb. 25 - March 4
"The Blair Witch Project" -
12:55 p.m., 4:45 p.m.,
(Sat. only) 8:35 p.m.

Local



Medical Clinic Health Promotions

Tobacco Cessation Courses

Tobacco Cessation classes will be held today, March 22, 24, 29 and 31. Courses are held in the clinic conference room, 10-11 a.m. Participants must attend all four sessions. For more information call 253-3266.

Controlling Cholesterol Course

A "Controlling Cholesterol Course" will be offered March 30, 10-11 a.m. in the Branch Medical Clinic conference room. This class will help participants understand what cholesterol is, how to reduce it and the importance of good nutrition and regular exercise. For more information call 253-3266.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Alcoholics Anonymous open meetings are held Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m. and Thursdays and Sundays, 7 p.m. Closed meetings are held each Monday and Thursday, 11:30 a.m. and Tuesday at 7 p.m. All meetings are held in Bldg. 497, second floor. For more information call 43-4814.

Childbirth Education Program

Five-week Series

A five-week-series class is offered to first time expectant parents during the third trimester who are interested in learning the basics about child birth. The class meets once a week for five weeks from 6:30-8:30 p.m. For more information call Cmdr. Lisa Craft at 253-2714.

Refresher Class

The Refresher Class is offered to mothers who want to "freshen up" on the skills covered in the five-week series. This class, offered once a month, covers such issues as delivery at a Japanese facility, labor and delivery and breathing techniques. For more information call 253-2714.

Friendship Day Meeting

The first Friendship Day 2000 meeting for all private organizations will be held March 9 at 2 p.m. at the Community Services Building 411, Rm. 121. Private organizations thinking of participating in Friendship Day 2000 must send a representative to this meeting. To be able to participate, organizations must be able to show they have the financial stability to manage the funds generated through Friendship Day. For more information call Dave Naseer at 253-3428.

MOPS

Mothers of newborns to age 5 are encouraged to attend Mothers of Preschoolers, International. There is structured playtime/classroom activities for children as well as crafts and speakers for mothers. The MOPS

meets every second and fourth Thursday of the month from 9:30-11:30 a.m. in the Chapel Annex's multipurpose room during the M.C. Perry school year. Anytime M.C. Perry school is not in session, MOPS will not meet. For more information call Pam White at 253-2465.

Kids Fest 2000

Kids Fest 2000 committee is in need of volunteers to help with setting up, working at booths and distributing information for the event to be held April 8, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at the MAC Dome. To volunteer or for details call Education and Developmental Intervention Services at 253-4562

P.E.P. Spring Carnival

The Perry Elementary Partners is having a carnival March 18. Sixth-graders and below bring your parents for an afternoon of bouncing, shooting, tossing, fishing, and cake walking. Discount tickets will go on sale at lunch beginning March 14. More information will be sent home from school.

New Baby Playgroup

Parents and their babies up to 12 months old are invited to join the playgroup Fridays, 10-11 a.m. in the E.D.I.S. playroom in M.C. Perry Elementary School. Topics will include growth and development, play and exercise, feeding, adjustment to parenthood and more. The first group is scheduled March 3. For more information call 253-4562.

Civil Engineer/Seabee Ball

Celebrating the 133rd Anniversary of the Civil Engineer Corps and the 53rd Birthday of the U.S. Navy Seabees, a Millennium Birthday Ball will be held March 24 at Club Iwakuni's Ball Room. Tickets sales start Thursday at Bldg. 155. For more information call 253-5648/5638/3792 or 5084.

Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society is in need of volunteer caseworker and receptionists. Those who already have experience in these areas or would like to learn, should call 253-5311. Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society provides free training and also reimburses child care fees. The NMCRS's office hours are from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday. Both active duty and spouses are welcome.

Japanese and American Society Conversation Classes

The Japanese and American Society offers Japanese conversation classes Mondays, 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m. There is a fee. Anyone interested in joining the classes should call 253-4771.

Culture Festival

The Japanese and American Society will sponsor a

Japanese Culture Festival March 5, 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m. in the M.C. Perry school multipurpose room. Experience taiko drums, Japanese food and dances. For more information call 253-4771.

Marine Corps Community Services Talent Show

The "URA Star" talent contest takes place in the Sakura Theater Saturday, 7 p.m. A variety of acts, including comedians, singers and musicians are scheduled. The show is free and open to everyone. For more information call 253-6184.

Flea Market

Tables are available for MCCS's Spring Flea Market to be held March 11. There is a fee for a table. For more information call 253-6184.

Armed Forces Contests

Information and entry forms are available at the Station Library for the Armed Forces YMCA Essay Contest and Art Contest. Open to preschoolers through high school seniors, the essay contest will close March 31. The art contest will close June 30. For more information call 253-3078.

Investment Club

Anyone interested in an investment club should call MCCS Financial Management Office at 253-6352.

MNPSP Baby Boot Camp

The Marine New Parent Support Program's Baby Boot Camp first session will be held Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. in Bldg. 411, Rm. 127. This class is free and open to everyone. For details call 253-6553.

Playmorning

Parents and children up to age 6 are invited to Playmorning (formerly Playgroup) Tuesdays 9:30-11 a.m. in Bldg. 589's community room. For more information call 253-6553.

Local and Federal Employment Workshop

The Local and Federal Employment Workshop, focusing on Iwakuni's local job market and application processes, takes place Monday, 1-2:30 p.m. in Bldg. 411, Rm. 216. Hands-on instruction is provided to prepare computerized SF-171, OF-612, Federal Resume and KSA forms. Free child care is provided. Advanced sign-up is required. For more information call 253-6439 or stop by Bldg. 411, Rm. 201.

Time Management Seminar

Learn to manage your time better at the lunchtime seminar Tuesday, 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m. in Bldg. 411, Rm. 216. For more information call 253-3737.

Space-A Brief

A representative from Iwakuni's Air Mobility Command Terminal will brief space available travel March 7 at noon in the Community Services Building. For more information call 253-6962.

Basic Resume Workshop

The Basic Resume Workshop, held Thursday, 9-10:30 a.m. in Bldg. 411, Rm. 216, focuses on identifying skills,

Chapel's Weekly Services

Saturday

5:30 p.m. Catholic Mass (M.C. Perry Elementary School Gym)

Sunday

8:15 a.m. Liturgical Worship Service (Chapel Annex)
9 a.m. Catholic Mass (M.C. Perry Elementary School Gym)
10 a.m. Church of Christ Lay Leader Service (Chapel Annex, Rm. 103)
10:15 a.m. C.C.D. (Chapel Annex)
Gospel Sunday School (M.C. Perry Elementary School, Rm. 423B)
10:30 a.m. Protestant Divine Worship Service (M.C. Perry Elementary School Gym)
12 p.m. Gospel Divine Worship Service (M.C. Perry Elementary School Gym)
Latter Day Saint (Chapel Annex)

Friday

6 p.m. Jewish Shabat (Chapel Annex, Rm. 103)

Call 253-5218 for more information.

For information on Jewish Services call Mark Zeid at 082-231-4008 after 6 p.m. or call the Station Chapel.

training and work experiences that translate into marketable job qualifications. Instructors explain resume formats and how to determine which is best. To sign-up, call 253-6439. Free child care will be provided.

CRMC New Operating Hours

Beginning March 4, the Career Resource Management Center is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Wednesday 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. The CRMC, open during lunch, offers military transition and spouse employment assistance.

L.I.N.K.S.

A Lifestyle, Information, Networking, Knowledge mentoring session takes place March 13-15. Child care will be provided, and registration is requested. The L.I.N.K.S. assists spouses in adapting to the military way of life. For more information call 253-3754.

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ESC Scholarship

The Enlisted Spouses' Club is offering a scholarship of \$250 to enlisted spouses registered in school. Stop by the Consignment Sales Shop or call Arlette Walls at 253-2637 for more information.

Test Schedule

Every Tuesday/Friday

- College Level Examination Program
- DANTES Subject Standardized Test
- Feb. 28 - Electronics Data Processing Test

All tests begin at 8 a.m. at Bldg. 411, Rm. 101. There is a fee for civilian personnel but not for military personnel. Call 253-3855 for more information.